

REMARKS

Claims 5-13 and 42-43 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 5 has been amended, claim 41 has been canceled, and new claims 42 and 43 have been added. No new matter has been added.

Applicant appreciates the indication that claims 12, 13 and 41 contain allowable subject matter.

Claim 5 has been amended to incorporate the allowable features of claim 41. New claims 42 and 43 correspond to allowable claims 12 and 13, respectively, rewritten in independent form to include all of the features of previously presented base claim 5 and the intervening claims.

Thus, the rejection of claims 5-8 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 7,061,901 (hereinafter "Shnitzer"), and claims 9 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Shnitzer in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0109409 (hereinafter "Simpson"), have been rendered moot.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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